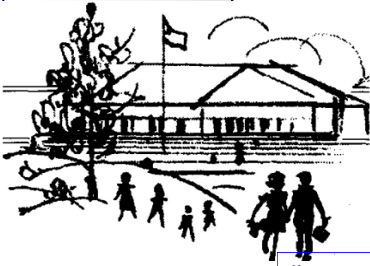


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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"

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www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

I actually hope this newsletter sits in your inbox for a few days. You should be enjoying a little time off to recharge. The new school year will be here soon, and we all need to be at our best!

The 2018 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) is behind us, and it was deemed a success. We had great sessions and our participants were very pleased with the diversity. Two hundred educators attended and took advantage of the 128 choices covering STEAM, writing, Special Education, Early Childhood, "Googly Things" and much, much more. The dedication of our presenters and their desire to share best practices and the enthusiasm of our attendees to sharpen their skills was evident! Everyone wants to get better at what they do. We have already started planning for next year, so please save the date—June 3-7, 2019.

Whether you are in the cool pines on a mountain in Arizona, on the beach in California, on a road trip around the country, or in a wading pool or horse trough in your backyard (that's me), enjoy and celebrate Independence Day.



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School Superintendent,
Workshops

Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Dates to Remember:

July 4— Independence Day. Parade at 10:00 on Main Street. Fireworks at sundown—Graham County Fairgrounds.

July 7— Nickel Picnic and Battle of the Bands at the Fairgrounds

August—Yep, it's time for school to start!

Start getting ready for the new school year!



Everyone can help young kids stay safe around water this summer

Pool weather and summertime go hand in hand. Especially since pools are everywhere—in your backyard, apartment complexes, neighbors' homes. As the weather gets warmer, more and more families are using their pools or attending pool parties.

But along with water fun, water safety should also be top of mind, considering the reality of tragic headlines associated with unsupervised young children around water, such as the recent case of a 4-year-old Peoria boy who drowned after using chairs to open a pool gate. These incidents are terrifying, and First Things First encourages all adults to play a role in watching young children around water and helping them stay safe this summer.

The [Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona](#) has three main safety tips for parents and caretakers of kids under 5 around water: block, watch and learn.

Block

Make sure your pool and/or spa has an effective barrier, such as a fence to help guard against unauthorized access.

Your pool or spa should have a barrier regardless of whether they are covered.

Door and windows leading to the pool areas should be locked.

Fence gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches need to be out of reach of young children.

Watch

Never leave your child unattended in or near any water source such as a swimming pool, hot tub, spa, bathtub, water-filled bucket, pond or canal. **Not even for a second.**

Keep toys, tricycles and other children's play things away from the pool or spa.

Don't consider your children to be "drownproof" because they have taken swimming lessons.

Don't allow barriers, such as fences or walls to give you a false sense of security regarding your child's safety. There is no substitute for adult supervision.

Learn

Learn how to administer CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and other lifesaving techniques.

To administer CPR correctly you must be properly trained.

Know how to contact your local emergency medical services. Keep a cellphone handy. Post the emergency number in an easy to see place.

Learn to swim and teach age-appropriate children to swim.

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About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

READY FOR SCHOOL. SET FOR LIFE.

Arizona kindergarten teachers share the scoop on how to be successful in kindergarten

- May 10, 2018
[Ofelia Gonzalez](#)



Every year, First Things First shares a list of things families can do over the summer to prepare their child for the first day of kindergarten. The tips have been honed over the years from school checklists and kindergarten teacher advice.

This year, we asked kindergarten teachers from across Arizona: What's the one piece of advice you'd give parents to help prepare over the summer? As you'll read below, kindergarten teachers are passionate about teaching young children and could have probably added a few extra pages of advice had we given them room. So read through them and even if your child isn't starting kindergarten this year, remember that it's never too early to help them get a great start.



Graham/Greenlee

Ruth Vining
Thatcher Elementary School
Thatcher, AZ

The best advice I could give to prepare for kindergarten would be physically **PLAY** with your children, **READ** to your children, and **TALK** to your children. Help your child learn to write his name with the first letter being uppercase and the rest being lowercase. Discuss the fact that they will have to share their teacher and thus need to raise their hand to get attention and talk in an indoor voice.

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- Increase employment opportunities
- We pay tuition and books
- Decrease college or technical cost

Gila Institute for Technology

GIFT now registering for 2018-2019

Central Programs Offered

Cosmetology (2 schools) – Drafting – Health Care Professions-
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Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies– Welding

Individual Programs

Advanced Manufacturing- Autos- Computers- Early Childhood
Education- EMT- Engineering - Fab Lab Technician- Graphic Design-
Industrial Electrician- Law Enforcement- Medical Assistant- Media
Communications- Pharmacy Technician

**Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org Contact
your high school CTE Career Tech/Counselor for more
information**

Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- Serving 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in Graham and Greenlee Counties.
- Must meet the program entrance requirements
- Anyone under the age of 21 without a GED or high school diploma is eligible.

Science Happens Here!

Local First Arizona, Freeport-McMoRan, the Arizona Rural Development Council, the Arizona SciTech Festival and the Graham County School Office are presenting **Science Happens Here** to advance STEM education in our community. Parents are encouraged to take their students to local businesses to collect trading cards. The cards, shown below, are designed to engage students with the science connected to the business. The students can learn more about STEM by gaining access to simple experiments found online using the website and code found on each card.



The following businesses are participating in this year's program. The class with the most participants will win a prize, which will be awarded early in the 2018-2019 school year. New cards have been added, so go get them! Thank you to the Arizona Science Center's Science on Wheels program for providing prizes!

Lee's Rite-Way
Trophies –N–Tees
Smith & Taylor Automotive
Indigo Mountain
The Hair Academy of Safford
Graham County Florist
Abacus Solutions
Carpet Tile and More
Cosmetology
Thank you businesses!

Genevieve's Market Place
Debbie's Craft Connection
Kempton Chevrolet
Bowman Consulting
Graham County Co-op
Richard's Music Company
Holladay's Photo Emporium
Cottage Bakery
Enchanted Boutique

A Step Back in Time
Sun Pumps
Curtis Landscape
Taylor Freeze
Hot Wheels Cyclery
CMI Quick Copy
The Plantation
Eastern Arizona Academy of
Casa Manana



“Science Happens Here”

What do a bakery, a shoe store, a landscaping business and a craft shop have in common? They all use SCIENCE! And, they have joined forces with 25 businesses in Graham County to offer Science Happens Here to students in grades 3-8.

Science Happens Here is a game for kids that includes collecting trading cards from local businesses with science knowledge, conducting science experiments at home using household items and visiting the SHH website. As students log their cards into their SHH accounts, class participation is monitored. The added bonus to the program is a grand prize of a pizza party and a visit from the AZ Science Center for the class with the highest level of involvement.

Meet Mrs. Evans’ 4th grade class, top winners in Graham County. Their pizza party took a back seat to their afternoon of squid dissection. Dressed in lab coats, goggles and gloves, and safely wielding scalpels, they enthusiastically worked with partners to explore squids; their sex, eating habits, life cycle, etc. When asked about the experience, students shared, “We got to do something others didn’t get to do. We met a scientist and we used real tools of a scientist. This was great!” One student, commented, “This is the best day ever.”

Mrs. Evans saw this as an opportunity to bring STEM to life in her classroom while involving parents and the community. “Science Happens Here is a fun and interesting way to teach kids about the science that surrounds them every day”, she notes. “The kids loved it. Five students completed every activity on their cards. One student used a card in her science fair project. A number of students are continuing the program on their own. Thanks to Arizona Sci Tech and Local First AZ for sponsoring Science Happens Here and to Freeport-McMoRan Foundation for funding it! It’s a wonderful program.”



Eighteenth Annual Transition Conference Registration

Registration Information

Registration for Arizona's Eighteenth Annual Transition Conference will close **Friday, July 27, 2018**. Conference registration will be processed exclusively online.

Online registration may be completed in *one* of the following ways:

- Go to the [Event Calendar](#) on the ADE website, type "transition" in the search box, select "Arizona's Eighteenth Annual Transition Conference", and click on the green search button.
- Go to the [2018 Transition Conference](#) website, click on "Registration" on the secondary navigation bar (light blue)

Presenters, vendors, and College and Career Competencies Team Training (CCCTT) participants should register separately (NOT through the general registration sections) using the instructions provided by conference organizers.

Registration will remain open through *July 27, 2018*, and is limited based on capacity. *District teams will be limited to 10, unless there is a TSW team in place that is larger, in order to allow for broader participation from the field.*

Please contact Jeannette Zemeida at (602) 542-3855 with any online registration difficulties. Waiting list information will be made available on the [2018 Transition Conference](#) website once capacity is reached. Waitlist registrants will be contacted if a conference slot becomes available. Final notification of slot availability will occur no later than August 3, 2018.

Registration Cost

For Educators, Service Agency Providers, and Other Professionals:

\$400 – Standard Registration (May 1 – July 27)

\$450 – Late/Walk-in Registration (July 28 – August 27)

For Youth, Young Adults, and Family Members:

\$220 – Standard Registration (May 1 – July 27)

\$240 – Late/Walk-In Registration (July 28 – August 27)

PLEASE NOTE: Registration fees listed above are for **all three days** of the conference. There will be no allowance for single-day registration.

Registration Contact Person Jeannette Zemeida All questions regarding conference registration (e.g., payment, refunds, cancellations, substitutions, dietary needs, ADA accommodations) should be directed to via e-mail or via phone at (602) 542-3855.

Registration Payment

When paying with check, purchase order, or internal transfer, payment is due within 30 days of invoice. Credit card payments are processed at the time of registration. Cash cannot be accepted.

Make checks payable to "Arizona Department of Education."

Mail payment to: Arizona Department of Education

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attendance Confirmation

Registrants will receive an automatic email confirmation and an invoice when registration is completed through the Event Management System (EMS). Please add ems-notification@azed.gov to address books to ensure that confirmation emails are received. Registration is not guaranteed until confirmation has been made and payment has been received by ADE.

Refunds and Cancellations

To receive a refund, cancellations must take place in ADE Calendar of Events ten working days prior to the first day of the event date. The registration fee will be charged to those who are no shows and have not cancelled within ten working days prior to the event start date. Exceptions may be made for emergency situations only up to the event start date. Exceptions are at the discretion of ADE staff.

Rural Activation and Innovation Network



RAIN STEM

Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

STEM Grants!

Grants do not cover salaries, utilities or administrative costs, and must be an “extra-curricular”, weekend or summer event and not during the regular school day.

Please take advantage of the current Funding Cycles:

***Attention Graham & Greenlee County Teachers
and Community STEM Educators:***

**Do you have a GREAT idea for a sustainable STEM activity or event... but need help
with funding? The Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN)
of Graham & Greenlee County can help!**

Led by Arizona State University and Arizona Science Center, RAIN (Rural Activation and Innovation Network) is funded by the National Science Foundation to help rural communities in Arizona collaborate on developing locally relevant learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). While there are many people in rural areas working on this issue, RAIN aims to bring individuals and organizations together into networks that can share resources and knowledge for learning and outreach.

For more information, Grant Application and Scoring Rubric go to: 4azrain.org

[Hover over “Rural Innovation Councils” and Click on “Graham/Greenlee Counties”](#)

United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Education Grant Opportunities

Goal Statement:

The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Apply Now!

Visit the United Way website at www.uwggc.com

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

pleblanc@aznex.net



Prepare Your Students for Real-World STEM with Dig Into Mining

In today's global economy, STEM skills are critical to success. Help your students prepare for the future job market with [Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper](#). Our varied classroom resources are designed to ignite a sense of curiosity and exploration in your 6th - 12th grade students, while teaching and testing standards-aligned topics in STEM.

EXPLORE NOW

With relevant examples from today's copper industry, Dig Into Mining's educator tools make it easy to connect classroom learning to real-world STEM applications. For example, students can:

[Investigate](#) the patterns of natural resources around the globe

[Explore](#) how copper is used in electronic and hybrid vehicles

[Utilize](#) proportional relationships to determine the economic feasibility of a mine site

[Research](#) how microorganisms are used in the wastewater treatment process

[Identify](#) the physical boundaries of a mine using satellite geoimages

... and much more!

Discover more classroom extensions and teacher resources [here](#).

Extend the learning further with our exclusive [Dig Into Mining Virtual Field Trips](#). Stream on demand to give your students a behind-the-scenes look at a working copper mine and hear from Freeport-McMoRan professionals as they guide you through the mining process from planning to reclamation.

Follow [@DiscoveryEd](#) on Twitter and join the conversation using #DigIntoMining.

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EDUCATION



Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

Parents and guardians

Stay close to home, or travel somewhere new. This year's the perfect time for an unforgettable outing.

[Learn more](#)

Fourth graders

This is for you! Explore ancient dwellings. See a waterfall taller than a building.

[Get your pass](#)

Educators

Get passes, download our activity, or plan a life-changing field trip for your fourth-grade students.

[More Info](#)

Every Kid in a Park

You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year.

[How it works](#)



@everykidinapark



FEATURED STORY

Giving Our Two Cents on Financial Responsibility

Summer jobs are around the corner - what do your students know about finances and money management?

Does your school teach students about personal finance? We've got a few resources you can bank on to teach these all-important skills! Use videos from PBS Digital Studio's new show *Two Cents* to kick start an important conversation on

topics including debt, part-time jobs, grocery shopping, and your students' roles in the global economy. [Explore Collection](#)



Taxes--Where Does Your Money Go?

Grades: 9-13+

Summer jobs are just around the corner for many students, and questions about taxes will inevitably come up as many young earners receive their first paycheck: Why does the government tax citizens? Where does that money go and how much does each citizen pay in taxes? Explore all this and more in this lesson plan. [Discover More](#)



Estimating a Profit from a Job

Grades: 5-8

Estimation and rounding are practices adults use every day when making purchases. Help students explore these principals in this lesson plan. [Discover More](#)



Arthur: Money Math Activity

Grades: PreK-4

From lemonade stands to saving money from a birthday card, financial literacy starts young! Introduce young students to the value of different coins with sorting and math activities. [Discover More](#)



Arizona PBS Educational Outreach engages young writers with a new summer writing competition, thanks to sponsorship by the [Dairy Council of Arizona](#). This year's theme is Health and Nutrition, and the competition is underway!. Entries are due July 9, 2018 (azpbs.org/writers).



Taking Your Summer Outdoors

Challenge your students to go outside and look up at the sky! Science can be beautiful! Use this video from PBS Digital Studios to introduce students to the stunning scientific and philosophical mysteries of the universe. [Discover More](#)



Go Outside and Kick a Curveball

Grades: 6-12

Ever seen a ball curve or bend in the air during a soccer game and wondered what exactly makes it curve? Have your students watch this video and test it out themselves! [Explore More](#)



Go Outside and Garden!

Grades: 3-6

Creating a sustainable garden is great way for students to get outside! In this video, they will explore plant choice, companion planting, composting, water conservation, and more. [Explore More](#)



Go Outside on a Summer Adventure!

Grades: PreK-2

These five-day, thematic, multimedia activity plans can be implemented in just about 20 minutes each day. Practice and build math skills with PBS KIDS daily or weekly. [Explore More](#)

In an increasingly networked and visual culture, comic books and graphic novels are important tools for bolstering literacy, communicating with diverse audiences, and creating a space to discuss complex scientific and social topics in a meaningful and accessible way. With these goals in mind, our friends at Arizona State University's [Center for Science and the Imagination](#) created *Drawn Futures: Arizona 2045*, a science-based comic for 5th through 8th-grade students.

Created by award-winning comics creators, and advised by ASU senior sustainability scholar Dr. Paul Hirt, this original story envisions the near future of Arizona's energy systems. Through the eyes of two young protagonists, readers are exposed to cutting-edge technologies created to help the city adapt to persistent temperature increases. However, as the story progresses, it becomes apparent that there are deep ecological impacts behind even the most elegant solutions and that climate change is a messy, human problem that requires constant mindfulness, evaluation, and deliberation.

Drawn Futures: Arizona 2045 is supplemented by two nonfiction essays, aligns to strands 3, 4, and 5 in [Arizona's standards for the 6th grade science curriculum](#), and is available now as a [free digital download](#). Additionally, the Center for Science and the Imagination is awarding a limited number of classroom sets of *Drawn Futures* to interested educators. Please fill out this [short interest form](#) to be considered for these free resources.

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Professional Development



Teaching Phonics & Spelling for Beginning and Transitional Readers, 2nd Edition
Grades: K-3 | Hours: 45

In this course, you will learn about research-based instructional activities to teach phonics and spelling to students in grades K-3. [Register Now](#)



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Learning is social! Our online professional development courses provide the opportunity to share, learn, and collaborate with your peers. Take 10% off PBS TeacherLine's June and July full-priced courses when you use the code **LEARNINGISSOCIAL**. [Explore Courses](#)

Summer Reading to Refresh the Mind



Explore the 100 most-loved novels in America with The Great American Read.

The Great American Read is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading. It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience. This PBS LearningMedia collection highlights classroom favorites - popular books from The Great American Read that find their ways into classrooms and onto summer reading lists nationwide. [Explore Collection](#)



MASTERPIECE



Little Women

Grades: 6-9

Introduce your students to the beloved classic “Little Women.” These resources include essays and teaching tips for an innovative way to access, understand, and analyze this piece of classic literature. [Discover More](#)

SUMMER LEARNING



Summer Reading

Grades: 6-12

Help to prevent the 'summer slide' with this assortment of literature resources. Your students will develop a new appreciation for *how* and *why* we read, and might even discover a love for Shakespeare along the way! [Discover More](#)

Poetry everywhere



Poetry Everywhere

Grades: 7-12

Explore the power of language, look at the world with a fresh sense of wonder, and build reading and writing skills with these poetry resources. What better time that summer to discover your inner poet? [Discover More](#)



The Unspoken Rules of the Hiking Trail

From the well-traveled hikes at Glen Alps in Anchorage to the more elusive wilderness trails in Lake Clark National Park - Alaska is home to stunning hikes which attract visitors from around the world. See Alaska through the eyes of a local teacher - this blog post may inspire some impromptu summer plans! [Read More](#)

Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

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National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

<http://www.nctm.org/> - must be a member to access most resources.

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants/> for grants, scholarships & awards. Encouraged, but not required, to be a member. About 25 opportunities with deadlines to apply in 2018.

Observing Characteristics of Cultures

Description: In this lesson, students learn characteristics of culture by viewing images. Students will then create a photo essay reflecting on what they have observed and researched about a culture.

Author: Gale Olp Ekiss **Grade Range:** 8 and High School **Duration:** 2-3 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#) [Power Point Presentation \(with slide titles\)](#) [Power Point Presentation \(no slide titles\)](#)

Supplemental Files: [Scavenger Hunt on Basic Elements of Culture](#) [Urban Scavenger Hunt](#) [Musical Instrument/Music Scavenger Hunt](#) [Cultural Diffusion Power Point Presentation](#)

New lesson!

Switch It Up! Scrambling States to Practice U.S. Geography and Identify Climates

Lesson Plan Content

Description: The United States encompasses a vast territory with different characteristics. Students need to recognize that their state's physical features do not necessarily mirror other states' physical features. In this lesson students will use 1) political maps to give directions utilizing a compass rose and to determine distance by using a scale and use 2) physical maps to complete a chart of geographical information relating to climate. This data can then be used to compare states.

Author: Brean Marinaccio **Grade Range:** 4 **Duration:** 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#) [Map US \(with state names\)](#)
[Regions of the US Teacher's Key](#)

Other material that may be useful: [Map United States \(with state names\) to be assembled](#)

[Collection of Maps for Students in Grades 1 through 4](#) [Activities for Scrambled States of America from Macmillan.com](#)

New lesson!

[TALES FROM THE CRYPT: Learning about Geography and History from Your Local Cemetery](#)

Description: Cemeteries are unique resources for studying the peoples of an area. In this field experience, students will gather and evaluate information about cultural symbols, nationalities, lifespans, and gender issues in a specialized landscape, the cemetery. In this lesson, students will learn how cemeteries convey information about the history and geography of their communities. They will learn about symbols and regions commonly found in cemeteries. They will then explore a local cemetery and then report their findings in charts, graphs, and other written communications.

Author: Gale Olp Ekiss **Grade Range:** 6-12 **Duration:** 5 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#) [Resource Sheet for Determining Nationalities](#)
[Student Writing Examples](#)

Supplemental Files: [Mesa City Cemetery Map](#) [Introduction to Cemeteries PowerPoint \(Large file - may take some time to download\)](#)

Related Links:

[Gravestone Symbolism](#)

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Resources

Flipgrid - Video for student engagement and formative assessment

<https://info.flipgrid.com/>

Free for limited access. \$65 per educator per year for unlimited grids & topics. Heard good reviews from multiple sources as a convenient, easy tool for a quick comprehension check or culminating demonstration.

Tour Builder | Put your story on the map. A Google experiment.

<https://tourbuilder.withgoogle.com/>

Tour Builder is a new way to show people the places you've visited and the experiences you had along the way using Google Earth. It lets you pick the locations right on the map, add in photos, text, and video, and then share your creation.

What inspired the creation of Tour Builder? We originally created Tour Builder to give veterans a way to record all the places that military service has taken them, and preserve their stories and memories as a legacy for their families. But we also thought it could be a useful tool for anyone with a story to tell, so we made it available to everyone.

What are your long-term plans for Tour Builder? For now, Tour Builder is in beta and we're excited to see what people build and do with it. We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas about how it could be a better storytelling tool. Take it for a spin and tell us what you think here.

PenPal Schools

<https://www.penpalschools.com/>

PenPal Schools connects students in 144 countries to learn together. PenPals ages 8 and up collaborate through free high-quality online projects to learn about cultures and global challenges while practicing language and technology skills. How much does PenPal Schools cost? The first 5 teachers who enroll from each school receive PenPal Schools for free for the entire year! Schools that would like to enroll more than 5 teachers can purchase a site license for \$1,900 per year. Site licenses include unlimited student and teacher accounts. Discounts are available for low income and PenPal Partner schools.

FANSchool - app

<https://www.fanschool.org/>

Free w/ 1 commissioner, 5 players. Then charges.

About: <https://www.fanschool.org/about/> Objective to engage students in learning in any subject area using current events.

Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA) Grants and Opportunities

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Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, Fold3

<https://www.ancestryk12.com/k12/ApplyForGrant>

If your classroom, school, and/or school district are awarded an AncestryK12 grant, your students will be able to access classroom versions of Ancestry, Fold3, and Newspapers.com, onsite from computers within the IP ranges you specify in your application, by visiting <https://www.ancestryclassroom.com>, <http://www.fold3.com/>, or <http://www.newspapers.com/> (the "Grant Websites").

Please NOTE: The grant is for free access to these sites, and one application covers all three sites. No monetary award.

Story Monsters Ink! (Free on-line magazine for kids & teens). <https://www.storymonsters.com/about-the-magazine/>

The Literary Resource for Teachers, Librarians, and Parents. Story Monsters Ink® is an award-winning magazine that offers the latest news on children's books and products, celebrity and independent author profiles, book reviews, activities, reading guides, special featured columns, and more! The digital edition of each issue will be available the third week of the month prior to the issue cover date month. The printed edition will be printed and mailed to subscribers approximately two weeks after that. This timeline may be extended around holiday. Issues are recorded by The Arizona Talking Book Library.

GeoGame - Place Spotting (based on Google Earth)

<http://www.placespotting.com/>

A website of geographic riddles. Place Spotting is based on the Google Earth platform. Place Spotting users can create their own geographic riddles or try to solve riddles created by others. The search feature on Place Spotting lets users search for riddles based on level of difficulty, language, region, or creation date.

GeoGame - Where In the World (based on Google Earth - Street View)

<http://www.superbreak.com/inspiration/where-in-the-world#>

Street View quiz from SuperBreak. You are shown a succession of Google Maps Street View images of famous locations around the world. All you have to do is choose the correct location from three different answers. The game allows you to choose from five different categories, History, Travel, Royal Attractions, Nature & Parks and Entertainment. Once you have selected your categories you are shown 10 different Street View images and your job is to guess where in the world each image is from.

Major Countries Outline Maps (hard copy)

Free

<https://manywaystoseetheworld.org/products/ncgemajorcountries> OR <http://conta.cc/2i4M3Ds>

Two dozen maps (23 double-sided) 8-1/2" x 11" on high gloss paper. Plus 18 maps (9 double-sided) identifying provinces or states on regular paper. A world map showing the location of each country. Plus a chart indicating population and land area for each of the 23 countries represented. These outline maps were published by the National Council for Geographic Education, a non-profit organization devoted to enhancing the status and quality of geography teaching and learning. The date of the map boundaries is 2004. These map sets are copyright-free and may be reproduced for any non-profit educational project. All that is required is proper attribution of NCGE as the source.

SchoolBookings.com

<http://www.schoolbookings.com/>

Looking for authors who visit schools?

Or if you are an author looking to visit a school.

FMA - Free Music Archive

[http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?](http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?wlex-)

[pid=A47EDEoB61F34AEFAADC6A000F237BBE&wrefapp=5](http://freemusicarchive.org/curator/video?wlex-pid=A47EDEoB61F34AEFAADC6A000F237BBE&wrefapp=5)

The Free Music Archive is an interactive library of high-quality, legal audio downloads directed by WMFU, the most renowned freeform radio station in America. Radio has always offered the public free access to new music.

Every MP3 on The Free Music Archive is pre-cleared for certain types of uses that would otherwise be prohibited by copyright laws that were not designed for the digital era.

Arizona Department of Education

To join the ADE K-12 mailing list go here:

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/academic-standards/join-the-k-12-academic-standards-mailing-list/>

Also reachable from this page: Content Area Resources, Instructional Support, Webinars, Standards.



The Safford City-Graham County Library offers amazing resources for teachers and students at no cost!

Library Cards Residents of Graham and Greenlee county are eligible for a free library card. Children under 18 must have a parent's or legal guardian's permission to get a library card.

Library Tours and ScienceCity Field Trips Library tours are available for classes with at least 2 weeks' notice. For more information, write to Victoria Silva at vsilva@saffordaz.gov. A limited number of hands-on ScienceCity field trips are available to K-6th classes visiting the library. For more information, write to Lesley Talley at ltalley@saffordaz.gov.

Online Tutoring Live, online tutoring for students in kindergarten through college is available daily from 2pm till midnight through Tutor.com on the library's website. Tutor.com is free to all students in Graham and Greenlee counties thanks to support from the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library District and the United Way of Graham County.

Online Classes - Universal Class

Over 500 free online classes are available to library card holders. Courses include computer skills and teacher related courses for CEU credit. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

Language Learning - Mango Languages

User-friendly language learning is available for over 70 languages through Mango Languages. It includes 11 ESL options for those who are learning English. Remember, the classes are free **ONLY** if accessed through the library's website.

Academic Databases

Information-packed online databases from Gale and Britannica are available for elementary through high-school age children. With vetted information, no pop-up ads and clear citations, they offer a great research tool for students.

Tumblebooks, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks

Digital versions of many popular books for young children through teens are available through the library website. Tumblebooks targets younger children with colorful picture books and simple chapter books. Our eBook and downloadable audiobook collections include titles for tweens and teens.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Thanks to funding from Arizona First Things First, all children in Graham and Greenlee counties are eligible to receive free books mailed to their home from birth until their 5th birthday. These high-quality books are theirs to keep and build their own home library.

Books, DVDs and Audiobooks

With approximately 45,000 items on the shelves, the library is sure to have something for you or your students. From picture books and children's audiobooks to nonfiction books and DVDs, we have great resources to support you in the classroom.

For more information or for a teacher tour/training, call 432-4165.

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me become
the man
I want to be?



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From the Graham County Sheriff's Office....Text a Tip

"The Text a Tip" program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

- ◆ A citizen can text grahamtip to 50911 and type the message they want to submit.
- ◆ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Center.
- ◆ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
- ◆ There is no caller ID on your message.
- ◆ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

"Healthy Families, Healthy Youth"

In 2016, Governor Ducey's Office of Youth, Faith and Family started a pilot program to help families avoid with the realities of addiction and the devastating effects on our children. The "Keep Them Safe" program brings 7th graders and their parents together for an evening of education and planning for strategies to face the stressors, risks and pressures presented to our kids on a daily basis. The program started with one school in each county. This year, it has expanded to include 53 districts throughout the state. Based on the early success of the pilot, we believe the program will continue to expand.

Information is available for all families in Arizona, whether they are in the county programs or not.

Please visit **KeepthemSafe.az.gov** to learn more about strategies to keep communication open and to take advantage of "teachable moments" regarding drug abuse and addiction.

Additionally, the following resources are available:

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - ncadd.org

National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

National Institute on Drug Abuse—drugabuse.gov

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—samhsa.gov

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

Who: K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant

Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education (Get ready for the next cycle!)

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

Amount: \$100-\$500

Deadline: October 1, 2018 (window: May 1—Oct.1)

Link: <http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site.

Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program

<http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/about/community-and-education/charitable-giving-program/program-details-and-application-process>

The Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program enables our company to provide financial support to communities in one or more of our strategic areas of giving:

- Education with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
 - Environmental Sustainability Community Safety and Vitality

Innovative Educator Grant

<https://scholarsapply.org/fbol-innovativeeducatorprize>

One-time awards of up to \$10,000 per project will be granted. Total distribution is up to \$200,000.

Awards are made payable to the school, specifically for use on the proposed project.

Funds may be used for: technology, professional development, curriculum, software, curriculum, classroom supplies, and related materials. Funds may not be used for facility costs or salary or payroll expenses. Recipients are required to submit an accountability report including verification of funds used and measurable outcomes at the conclusion of the school year.

Student Teaching Intern Certificate

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What does that mean?

Arizona Educational Acronyms

(continued from the June newsletter)

H

HI - Hearing Impaired

HBCU- Historically Black Colleges and Universities

I

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEE - Individual Education Evaluation

IEP - Individual Education Program

IFSP - Individual Family Support Plan

IGA - Intergovernmental Agreement

IHE - Institution of Higher Education

IL - Independent Living

ILC - Independent Living Center

IPP - Individualized Program Plan

IVEP - Individualized Vocational Education Plan

J

JLBC – Joint Legislative Budget Committee

JTED – Joint Technical Education District

K

L

LD - Learning Disability

LEA - Local Education Agency

LRE - Least Restrictive (Educational) Environment

LT- Leadership Team

M

MD - Multi-Disability

MCESA – Maricopa County Education Service Agency

MET - Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team

MID - Mild Intellectual Disability

MOID - Moderate Intellectual Disability